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The L.A. Kings couldn't hold on to a three-game lead as the New Jersey Devils came out with a 3-1 win Wednesday night PAGE 20

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Local serves up points, leadership

Team Canada in World League tournament. Saskatoon's Gavin Schmitt plays important part on men's national volleyball team

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The Team Canada men's volleyball team has been a major force in the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball's World League tournament and among Canada's top scorers is Saskatoon local Gavin Schmitt.

Schmitt, who plays right-side for Team Canada, is part of the first team to compete in the World League tournament since 2007 and he says it's exciting to represent Saskatoon on the international stage.

"It feels great," said Schmitt in an email from Brazil. "I have been the only person left from Saskatchewan on the men's team for a few years now.… Saskatoon, or Saskatchewan even, doesn't have a big representation on this team, so for me it feels good being the one who can do that for our city."

Schmitt scored a total of 16 points in the team's latest bout, against Finland, which ended in a loss for the Canadians. He says that scoring high doesn't mean anything if it doesn't result in a team win and that he's hoping the team can tighten up its performance in its next matches against Poland and Brazil.

"Scoring a lot of points is meaningless unless you win games — at least to me," said Schmitt. "You never hear someone say that he was the best scorer to never win games."

He continued: "I tend to play volleyball with a lot of energy almost all the time, I have been trying to take that on as more of a role for myself. I have been working on being more a leader over my years with the team and being the player who leads with emotion and energy seems to fit me so far."

Team Canada, which currently sits in the third spot in Pool B of the tournament, has played exceptionally well, beating both Finland and Brazil in the first week of the tournament, and Schmitt says the team has come a long way since it was taken over by head coach Glenn Hoag.

"We are a team that got rebuilt under the guidance of Glenn Hoag," said Schmitt. "From there he basically broke us down and started building us and the team into what we are now."

He continued, "We went through some hard times, but have grown together as a team so much in the past … because of all those years working with Glenn, building a system and a proper international style of volleyball."

The World League tournament wraps up July 1 and involves 16 teams from across the globe.

Saskatoon local Gavin Schmitt has been among the leaders in scoring as Team Canada makes its mark in the renowned World League tournament. CONTRIBUTED

Cops quiet on murder notes

Body parts mailed to B.C. schools were sent with notes, but police wouldn't elaborate on their content

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Lululemon stretching out

The yoga-gear retailer was the fastest-growing brand of 2012, according to a marketing study

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Poetic allure of a script

Actor Robert Pattinson says playing billionaire Eric Packer in Cosmopolis differs from anything he's ever done

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On the web

A mammoth surprise

An Iowa man has made an unusual discovery in his backyard, piquing the interest of experts who study prehistoric life. Over the past two years, most of an entire woolly mammoth skeleton has been found on his property. Watch the excavation of a 14,000-year-old creature at metronews.ca.

Girlfriend of face-chewer speaks out

The man who chewed a homeless man's face in Miami last week did not have a history of mental illness, was religious and occasionally smoked marijuana, says his girlfriend. Read more at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

A week after Mitt Romney's embarrassing 'Amercia' typo that gave endless fodder to Twitter users and late-night talk show hosts, the conservative campaign has misspelled once again. Scan the code to read about Romney's latest incident.

Ava Hiebert, 4, stays out of the sun in her umbrella hat at the 24th annual Children's Festival. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Kids' fest sees record turnout

And the weather was great, too. Event saw 18 per cent increase in overall ticket sales

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Organizers of the PotashCorp Children's Festival of Saskatchewan say warm weather and a wide variety of events contributed to record-breaking attendance numbers at this year's event.

According to Shauna Bradford-Wilson, executive director with the Children's Festival, 13,000 tickets were made available for this year's event and roughly 90 per cent were sold.

"We broke all kinds of records this year," said Bradford-Wilson. "In addition to the ticket sales, we had excellent walk-up attendance."

She continued, "It was great all around and having the weather co-operate makes an enormous difference. It's the one thing we can't control and the one thing that can impact us the most."

In 2011, the festival saw 72 per cent of tickets sold making for an 18-per-cent increase overall, and Bradford-Wilson said she thinks the festival will continue to grow in and outside of Saskatoon.

"For the future, what the next 24 years are going to hold, who knows, I have all kinds of ideas about pop-up festivals in other communities, making us a truly provincial event."

Bradford-Wilson said every year, the festival gets requests from surrounding communities asking them to bring the festival to less-populated parts of the province.

"We get inquiries and requests from people way up north and people way down south, saying, 'Please don't you think you could come to Swift Current, or don't you think you can come a little closer to Moose Jaw?'" said Bradford-Wilson.

"Now, were actually thinking we can do that kind of thing in the future."

Deep Dark Woods helps represent province at awards

A total of 14 nominations in the upcoming Western Canadian Music Awards proves that the Saskatchewan music scene is thriving and eclectic.

With their popularity growing rapidly across North America, Saskatoon's alt-country band The Deep Dark Woods lead the Saskatchewan pack with three nominations.

The four-piece band has been nominated for independent album of the year; roots duo/group recording of the year and songwriter(s) of the year, specifically mentioning the band's vocalist and guitarist Ryan Boldt.

Other Saskatchewan musicians nominated for awards include Foam Lake, Sylvia Chave, Library Voices and Jay Semko.

Amigos Cantina, known and frequented by many Canadian musicians, is up for best live venue of the year. Regina's The Distrikt is also up for the same award.

Juno winners Said the Whale, from Vancouver, received the most nominations with four — one of which is an industry award — for their album Little Mountain. The Vancouver rockers received nods for the year's top independent album, rock recording, album design and video.

In two separate categories, Said the Whale contends against fellow Vancouver indie-rocker Dan Mangan, who has a total number of three nominations for his album Oh Fortune, including Rock Recording of the year. Mangan won two Junos this year in Ottawa and was selected to play a concert for Prince William and his wife during their royal visit last July.

Dan Mangan poses with his Junos in April. The singer might be a tough one to beat at the Western Canadian Music Awards. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Under $5,000

Two youths face theft charges

Two minors, a 15-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl appeared in court Wednesday as the two were both charged in separate incidences of theft of a motor vehicle under $5,000 and theft under $5,000.

Police say at approximately 2 a.m. they got reports of suspicious activity in the 400 block of Bayview Crescent. It was reported at least two males were checking parked vehicles. When officers arrived on the scene, one of the males was inside one of the vehicles. The other suspects are believed to have fled on foot.

The female that was charged was seen entering a motor vehicle in the 10 block of McAskill Crescent around 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday. She had warrants for her arrest and was also breaching her probation. METRO

Police investigating

Pedestrian dies after car collision

A 35-year-old man is dead after a collision involving a semi and a pedestrian on Highway 1 in Swift Current.

RCMP say Swift Current municipal RCMP responded to the scene at 1:05 a.m., but the man, identified as Jason Froshaug, was hit and fatally wounded. He was crossing southbound across westbound lanes when he was struck.

Weather has not been considered a factor in the incident, which is still under investigation. METRO

Water-main break

Back to class at Holy Cross

After a recent water-main break forced the school to close its doors, Holy Cross High School says classes will resume Thursday.

A release from the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools explained the water main break "had caused some flooding in about a quarter of the school. Clean-up and testing of mechanical systems has been completed and the school is ready for the return of staff and students."

The school serves 1,200 students from grades 9 to 12 and has been closed since June 4. METRO

Anthropological photographer Andrea Cessna shows off her striking images of daily life in a village outside New Delhi in her exhibit at Frances Morrison Library entitled Broken Beautiful: Portraits of India. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Capturing social justice

Photo exhibit. For a U of S anthropology student, a small village in India offered up universal subject matter

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Despite cultural barriers, language, age or gender — smiles, frowns, laughter, and tears are universal.

This is the theme of a new photo art exhibit in Saskatoon's Frances Morrison Library entitled Broken Beautiful: Portraits of India. The exhibit focuses on the people of a small village located outside New Delhi, India.

The 19-image exhibit is by 22-year-old University of Saskatchewan anthropology student and photographer Andrea Cessna.

Cessna, who travelled to New Delhi last year to assist U of S professor Satya Sharma on an anthropological project, has fused art, anthropology and social justice. She said that the project renewed her appreciation for her Western roots but also called them into question.

"I can't change that I come from a Western society and I'll always have that Western lens on me but it's not my goal to glorify or to overemphasize or sensationalize poverty in India."

Combining elements of anthropology and photography, Cessna's work falls under the category of ethnographic media. Using only black and white, Cessna wanted to embody the stark contrast between India's extremely affluent and extremely poor.

"All of my work is done in black and white. I love the classic approach. It has this ability to be very beautiful and simple but it also brings a lot of texture to the image. The image itself is supposed to tell a story."

Photographs can say a thousand words and Cessna's work speaks volumes while simultaneously transcending cultural barriers. Some of her images encapsulate the sorrow of elderly men; others feature smiling children on street corners. Despite the range of emotions Cessna reveals in Broken Beautiful, the one component she captured absolutely perfectly was humanity.

One of the Broken Beautiful most striking images is entitled 48 Years Old. Both divine and tragic, it portrays a man in a prayer-like position who appears to be 60 or 70. A pair of crutches is visible in the background. A sincere, colourful character, Cessna's subject was only 48 but due to a life of poverty and brutal work conditions as tomb-worker he appears much older.

"He's not nearly as old as he actually looks. When you're exposed to the elements like that, you live in poverty and you're unhealthy, these are the effects it has on your body. It was really amazing getting to meet him. That picture carries a lot of weight." Broken Beautiful is featured at Frances Morrison Library until June 21.

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Photographer Andrea Cessna

Notes prompt police to search for Magnotta connection to Vancouver

Dismemberment case. Investigators won't reveal content of messages found in body-parts packages, citing copycat fears

A Canada Post employee is seen delivering mail to St. George's School in Vancouver on Wednesday. The school received a package containing a human body part on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police have revealed that body parts mailed to Vancouver schools were accompanied by notes — although they wouldn't elaborate on their content Wednesday.

Montreal police confirmed they had taken over an investigation into the packages mailed to British Columbia, thought to be linked to a dismemberment case that has attracted international attention.

Two hands, two feet and a torso have turned up in different cities over the last week. Montreal police said they are working to find the missing head.

The suspected killer, former porn actor and prostitute Luka Rocco Magnotta, is in a German prison awaiting extradition back to Canada.

Police said the packages sent to Vancouver were accompanied by messages, as were packages received in Ottawa last week.

"There are some notes from the beginning, from the first package that we found in Ottawa," said Montreal police Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere.

"What was written on the notes, we kept that for ourselves."

He said police would be selective about the information they released because they didn't want to encourage any copycats.

Meanwhile, the parts from a still-unidentified victim were being transported by Vancouver police back to the city from which they were mailed — Montreal.

Police were seeking to confirm the identity of the victim. They were also working to determine whether Magnotta had any personal connection to Vancouver.

"Our suspect travelled extensively," Lafreniere said. "We know he's travelled to the American West Coast. (We're now investigating), has he been to the Canadian West Coast?"

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Analysis

Parents torn over what to tell children

Parents in Vancouver are either sheltering their kids from knowledge that a human hand and foot were mailed to two local schools or telling them the truth about a twisted person's actions.

At False Creek Elementary School, Dave Brown said Wednesday he told his daughter the truth after a package containing a hand arrived at the school on Tuesday afternoon.

"She knows that somebody was killed and that the body was dismembered and part of it ended up here and that there are some people in this world that are not coping well with reality and doing some crazy, sick, twisted stuff like that," he said.

Brown said it was important for him to tell his daughter the truth, but it frightened her. "There was a moment, I think, at first, of fear and then there was sort of a dawning of acceptance. That didn't take very long, and then I think what followed was her basically saying, 'Wow, there's a lot of sick, twisted people in the world.'"

But Eva Perjes said she doesn't want her two kids — in Grades 2 and 3 — knowing anything about human remains showing up in a package at the school and hopes they don't find out about the incident from older kids.

"It's hard because I really want to shelter them from this news. Even for adults, I don't want to hear it," Perjes said. "I did talk to my neighbour, and my husband, obviously ... It's awful, awful. It's just the impact on kids and the innocence that's taken away, that someone ... I don't want to say it."

As she spoke, about a dozen students huddled around a girl in the school yard as she showed them the front page of a newspaper with a story about a hand being sent to their school and a foot that was mailed to a private school. Nearby, administrators handed out letters to parents on how they could help kids cope.

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Lin's devastated parents arrive in Montreal

While copious attention is being conferred on the so-called "Canadian Psycho," a Chinese mother is sobbing uncontrollably.

The parents of Jun Lin, killed and dismembered in a case that has attracted international attention, arrived in Montreal late Tuesday. A witness says Lin's mother struggled to stay on her feet and was so overcome with grief that she struggled to express herself.

The Lin family's arrival occurred under the media radar.

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He said he was only able to make out a short, single phrase: "We come to take you home now."

Yan Shi, head of Concordia University's Chinese student association, recounts words spoken by Jun Lin's mother

Little information is available about the victim, compared with the heaps of photos, videos and writings produced by the attention-seeking accused killer, Luka Rocco Magnotta.

Among the few people to have met Lin's family are officials at Concordia University, where he was an engineering student.

The head of the school's Chinese student association is among those who have met the family. He described the painful scene at the airport when they arrived Tuesday. "It's heartbreaking," said Yan Shi. "Lin's mother was very emotional. She was crying all the time. It's really terrible just being there. We didn't understand a word she was saying, she was crying a lot. She could barely walk. We had to help her."

He said he was only able to make out a short, single phrase: "We come to take you home now.'"

Lin's body parts have been found in Montreal and Ottawa, and now possibly Vancouver where an unidentified hand and foot were discovered in packages opened this week.

Chinese students have set up a fund to help defray the family's expenses while they're here, which is expected to be two or three weeks. They are also helping to show the family around Montreal. A Chinese community newspaper in Montreal says it has also received $550 in donations for Lin's family.

Concordia University says it is considering holding a memorial service for Lin, if his family wants one. "We're there to support the family," said Chris Mota, a university spokesperson. "If they want one, we can help them."

The family has met with police investigators. A police spokesman said that as regular Montrealers offered financial help, authorities would do their best to shield the family from any unwanted media attention. "You must understand that they have gone through a horrible episode," said police Cmdr. Ian Lafreniere.

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Suspicious mail

Packages with powder sent to Quebec targets

Suspicious packages containing white powder were sent to nine high-profile targets in Quebec, including the riding office of Premier Jean Charest. The contents of at least one of the packages have been identified as baking soda.

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Student protests

Fined Quebec MLA cites Gandhi as inspiration

A member of the Quebec legislature, arrested and fined at a student protest, says his actions are inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King. Amir Khadir was ticketed $494 for blocking a road and violating a highway-safety code. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taber twister

Police chief happy with response to Alberta tornado

The police chief of a southern Alberta community hit by a tornado Tuesday night says he's happy with the overall emergency response. Alf Rudd says there were plenty of people who pitched in to help out after the twister felled trees and power lines. No one was injured.

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Josh Beebee surveys tornado damage near Taber, Alta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air rage

Unruly passenger charged after flight diverted

An Ontario man faces charges after an international flight was diverted to Newfoundland Monday. Police say the unruly passenger tried to enter the cockpit and verbally abused the crew after they refused to continue serving him alcohol. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tusk trade

Feds reverse decision on narwhal exports

Inuit hunters are celebrating the near-total reversal of a federal decision to block the export of narwhal tusks. Almost all the 17 Nunavut communities that were being refused export permits for the tusks will now be able to get them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MARRIED WITH KIDS

With two children in public school, a home in a suburb of Calgary, and an annual household income of $70,000, Peter and Kim have learned how to make the most of their money — and make it work for them.

Peter, 34, is an office manager at a downtown firm while Kim, 30, has just returned to the workforce and has a part-time job at a department store. They have a long-term financial goal to pay off their mortgage by the time Peter turns 60, and they have retirement and education savings plans in place too.

"We're especially good at stretching our budget on food," says Peter. "We plan meals ahead, shop the specials flyers and always pack lunches." The couple also manages with one car. "On the days I'm scheduled to work nights, I drop him off at the C Train — and he takes public transit," says Kim.

They've found other ways to save money too. For example, a few years ago they got a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA* card that they now use to pay for as many everyday purchases as they can.

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Every November (when the payout is made), the cash back lump sum is automatically deposited into their joint savings account.

"It's a no-brainer," says Kim. "And every purchase we make contributes to our annual cash back from the bank. It's become a great savings tool for us too," says Kim.

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Peter and Kim's profile:

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Taliban accused of sick new war on girls ... using poison

Dirty tricks. Students were bribed with up to $1,000 to lace school water with toxic powder, officials say

The Afghan government accused the Taliban Wednesday of poisoning schoolgirls.

Taliban members were accused of bribing students and workers to sneak toxic chemicals into drinking water or spread it around school grounds, sickening scores.

In two cases, female students were said to have been paid almost $1,000 to contaminate water tanks at their schools with toxic powder.

In other instances, conspirators sprayed a sweet-smelling yellow liquid around the grounds of the school, officials said.

The officials did not identify any of the toxic substances allegedly used.

Fifteen suspects have been arrested, officials said.

Those being held include 12 identified Taliban insurgents, a teacher and a school treasurer and his wife,

Government officials said six schools were affected in northern Takhar province in the past three weeks.

The officials said one school alone had 125 cases.

President Hamid Karzai called for an investigation.

Intelligence service spokesperson Latifullah Mashal said the intelligence service discovered a conspiracy by militants to try to scare families from sending their children to school.

"They want to create terror and fear among students, especially in the education sector and also in the health sector, which are two of the major achievements of the 10 years of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan," said Mashal.

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Ugly war

The Taliban have long waged a war on women and girls.

- **BEFORE.** When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, girls were banned from going to school.
- **AFTER.** After the 2001 ouster, Taliban members would spray schoolgirls' faces with acid.

Afghan girls study their lessons at the Aziz Afghan Secondary School in Kabul. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Blood, bodies litter market after suicide attack

Villagers gather Wednesday near a house destroyed during a NATO raid in Logar province. IHSANULLAH MAJROH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three suicide attackers blew themselves up in the largest city in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, turning a dusty marketplace into a gruesome scene of blood and bodies.

Twenty-two people were killed and at least 50 others wounded in the Kandahar bloodbath.

"I couldn't see anything except for fire and dust," said Islam Zada, who was on the other side of the road having tea near his parked truck when the first bomb went off.

"I found a wounded truck driver on our side of the road and went to help him," Zada said.

"We gave him some water and when we were talking to him the other blasts happened."

Taliban spokesperson Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the attack in Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the insurgency.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack on innocent civilians.

He said it proved the "enemy is getting weaker because they are killing innocent people."

The Taliban appeared to be targeting companies located at the Kandahar bomb site that provide supplies to a massive military base used by the U.S.-led coalition about five kilometres away.

Eight of the 22 killed worked for companies that supply equipment to the base.

The NATO coalition also denounced the killings and urged the Afghan people to support the government and the nation's developing security forces.

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Carnage

The violence continued elsewhere in Afghanistan.

- **Eastern Afghanistan: Officials and residents said a pre-dawn NATO airstrike targeting militants killed civilians celebrating a wedding, including women and children.** It happened in the Baraki Barak district of Logar province.

200,000 names

Signatures block gay marriage

Washington state's law allowing gay marriage was blocked from taking effect on Wednesday as opponents filed more than 200,000 signatures seeking a public vote on the issue in November.

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Nigeria crash

Airline: This was no 'suicide mission'

A Nigerian airline whose airplane crashed defended itself Wednesday against growing public criticism.

Dana Air said its chief engineer died on the flight — which killed 153 on board and more on the ground in Lagos.

The chief engineer "certainly would not have allowed that aircraft to take off" if there was a problem, said executive Francis Ogboro.

"No airline crew would go on a suicide mission," Ogboro added.

The plane underwent strenuous checks like the others the carrier owns and that he routinely flies, Ogboro said.

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Bladder infection

Queen visits Prince Philip

Queen Elizabeth visited Prince Philip in a London hospital Wednesday. He is there for treatment of the bladder infection that has made him miss much of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

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Iowa find

Mammoth bones spark excitement

The discovery of mammoth bones on an Iowa farm has experts excited about scientific breakthroughs that may happen. The find appears to include much of the animal's skeleton undisturbed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China's crisis

Common drugs fail to quell TB

One in 10 cases of tuberculosis in China cannot be treated by the most commonly-used drugs, according to a national survey that showed for the first time the size of the drug-resistant epidemic.

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Israel approves construction of settler homes

A Hollow compromise. Palestinians enraged, settlers disappointed while the United States voices displeasure

West Bank in crisis

Israel's prime minister accepted Wednesday's 69-62 vote despite widespread angst over the decision to transfer settlement buildings from Ulpana to Beit El.

- **Internal Resistance.** Settlers instead wanted the government to compensate Palestine for their unlawful occupation in Ulpana. They now vow to fight the decision.
- **Reaction.** Negotiator Saeb Erekat labelled the decision as a "grave development" while the U.S. State Department cautioned the move undermines the entire peace process.

Israel's prime minister on Wednesday ordered construction of 300 new homes in a West Bank settlement, a move aimed at placating settler anger over the planned demolition of an illegally built outpost nearby.

The decision infuriated the Palestinians, who have refused to conduct peace talks while Israel expands its settlements on occupied land. It also risked drawing an international backlash.

Netanyahu has been grappling with a domestic crisis over the unauthorized settlement outpost of Ulpana. The Supreme Court has ordered the five apartment buildings in the outpost to be removed by July 1 after determining they were built on private Palestinian land.

Netanyahu has said he would honour the ruling, while Jewish settlers and their hard-line allies in Netanyahu's government have vowed to resist the order. Netanyahu opposed the bill, saying it would likely be overturned by the Supreme Court and generate harsh international criticism.

In order to blunt settler anger, Netanyahu has come up with a novel solution: Instead of demolishing the buildings, he plans on removing them from their foundations and transferring them to the nearby settlement of Beit El. In addition, he said he would build 300 more homes in Beit El.

"Israel is a democracy that observes the law, and as prime minister I am obligated to preserve the law and preserve the settlements, and I say here that there is no contradiction between the two," Netanyahu said.

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Rockslide derails train service

An aerial view of the rockslide at the Gotthard rail tracks near Gurtnellen, Switzerland, on Wednesday. Switzerland's main passenger rail connection to Italy has been cut for at least a month because of the rockslide in the Alps that has left one man missing.

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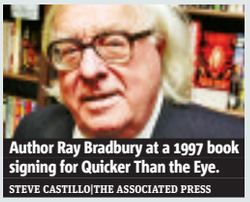
Obituary

Sci-fi legend Ray Bradbury dies



Author Ray Bradbury at a 1997 book signing for Quicker Than the Eye.

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Ray Bradbury, the science-fiction-fantasy master who transformed his childhood dreams and Cold War fears into telepathic Martians, lovesick sea monsters, and, in uncanny detail, the high-tech, book-burning future of Fahrenheit 451, died on Tuesday. He was 91.

His writings ranged from horror and mystery to humour and sympathetic stories. Bradbury also scripted John Huston's 1956 film version of Moby Dick, wrote for The Twilight Zone and other programs including Ray Bradbury Theater.

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Egypt

Hosni Mubarak's health worsens

Hosni Mubarak's health sharply deteriorated Wednesday, days after he was sentenced to life in prison, and specialists were evaluating whether to transfer him to a better-equipped hospital outside the penal system, security officials said.

The deposed leader's health scare added to the uncertainty engulfing Egypt, where powerful political groups are seeking to bar Mubarak's former prime minister from the presidential runoff and derail the election.

Officials at Cairo's Torah prison said the 84-year-old Mubarak's condition had moved to a "dangerous" phase and that doctors administered oxygen five times to help him breathe.

Mubarak was the only patient being treated in the prison hospital's intensive-care unit, which recently underwent a $1-million U.S. renovation to prepare for his arrival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The final voyage

The space shuttle Enterprise, a prototype which never flew in space, travels up the Hudson River by barge to its new home aboard the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, Wednesday, in New York. The U.S. space agency, NASA, ended its shuttle program last year. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allied veterans attend 68th D-Day memorial

Normandy. International politicians and Second World War veterans join in the unveiling of war-hero monument

French President Francois Hollande shakes hands with a Second World War veteran. DAVID VINCENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Second World War-era military planes darting overhead and Normandy's Utah Beach visible in the distance, a bronze statue emerged from beneath a camouflage parachute, in tribute to a man whose quiet leadership was chronicled in the book and television series Band of Brothers.

The unveiling of the Colorado-made statue of Pennsylvania native Maj. Dick Winters was one of many events marking Wednesday's 68th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied operation that paved the way for the end of the war.

The 3.6-metre-tall bronze statue in the Normandy village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont shows Winters with his weapon at the ready. But Winters — a native of Ephrata, Pa., who died last year at age 92 — only accepted serving as the statue's likeness after monument planners agreed to dedicate it to the memory of all junior U.S. military officers who served that day.

"There were many Dick Winters in this war, and all deserve the bronze and glory of a statue," said former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, present as the bronze statue, draped in a camouflage parachute, was unveiled.

Also attending were four or five D-Day vets, including two who served in Winters' "Easy Company," Al Mampre and Herb Suerth Jr.

Winters was a humble, simple person thrust into a position of leadership in which he excelled," said Suerth, who heads the association of former Easy Company vets, only 19 of whom are alive.

The statue was made near Boulder, Colorado and transported here, to a roadside between the village of Sainte-Marie-du-Mont and Utah Beach, distant but visible behind the statue.

It was here that Winters and his small band of men dropped out of the sky soon after midnight on June 6, 1944, on a death-defying mission to destroy four German 105mm artillery guns that threatened the Allied invasion force.

Master Sergeant Frank Barnett, 37, a paratrooper serving at the U.S. Air Force base in Ramstein, Germany, attended the ceremony. He and 18 colleagues had made the trip to participate in a parachute jump over the same Normandy fields where Winters and his Easy Company landed on D-Day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clinton goes public over tax disagreement

Is Bill Clinton deliberately sabotaging U.S. President Barack Obama?

That was the big question in the U.S. capital on Wednesday, the day after the former president once again parted ways with the Obama campaign on a crucial election issue — the extension of the George W. Bush-era tax cuts.

Clinton, who's been campaigning for Obama ahead of the November election, told CNBC that those tax cuts should be extended temporarily at the end of the year, even for the wealthiest Americans.

That's in direct opposition to the Obama administration's approach to slashing the country's mammoth $15.7 trillion US national debt. The White House wants those tax cuts to expire for Americans earning more than $250,000 a year, saying the country's richest people must contribute to efforts to rein in ballooning federal deficits.

Debt

$15.7T

The U.S. has accumulated $15.7 trillion US in national debt, which will be a major topic approaching the 2012 elections.

The fallout was fast and furious as Republicans immediately pounced on the 42nd president's remarks, saying they proved even an adored Democrat like Clinton is onside with the Republicans.

"Even Bill Clinton came out for it, before he was against it," John Boehner, speaker of the House of Representatives, said Wednesday.

Indeed, within a couple of hours of Clinton's remarks on Wednesday night on CNBC, a spokesman walked them back, insisting the one-time commander-in-chief "does not believe the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans should be extended again."

It was the second Clinton-induced migraine in less than a week for Obama's re-election team.

Last week, Clinton said Obama's Republican rival for the White House, Mitt Romney, had a "sterling" record at private equity firm Bain Capital. The Obama re-election team, meantime, has been criticizing Romney's tenure at Bain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nuclear Iran

Israeli delegate accuses Tehran of nuclear deception

Israel's delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency accused Tehran on Wednesday of working secretly on nuclear weapons while pretending it does not want such arms, under a strategy of "deception, defiance and concealment." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.-South Korea

Republicans urge pact renewal

Republican lawmakers are urging the U.S. to renew its civilian nuclear co-operation agreement with close ally South Korea. The current pact expires in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Archie. Comic book CEOs settle their court feud

The two CEOs of the company that publishes Archie comics on Wednesday ended their court feud over control of the comics kingdom, but now some relatives are accusing both sides of funny business.

A judge on Wednesday signed off on a settlement between Nancy Silberkleit and Jon Goldwater, the co-CEOs of Archie Comic Publications, even as Goldwater's nieces told the judge in court papers that they think both chief executives' "hands are dirty."

Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Shirley Kornreich said the nieces weren't in a legal position to weigh in on the settlement, but she noted that they could file a suit of their own. Their lawyer had no immediate comment afterward on whether they would.

Quoted

"Nancy Silberkleit and Jon Goldwater are no longer in an adversarial position."

Howard D. Simmons, Nancy Silberkleit's lawyer.

The settlement ends — at least for now — a bitter and sometimes bizarre fight at the company that produces the congenial, more than 70-year-old comic that follows Archie, Betty, Veronica, Jughead and others through dating and other teenage adventures.

The settlement details are confidential, but Silberkleit lawyer Howard D. Simmons said the pact restored her reputation and her post at Archie. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. defense secretary defends drone attacks

U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta inspects Indian troops during a welcoming ceremony in New Delhi on Wednesday. JIM WATSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India. Leon Panetta discusses volatile relationship with Pakistan, remains firm on U.S. military tactics

Just two days after a drone strike killed al-Qaida's second-in-command, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta made it clear Wednesday that such attacks will continue as long as the U.S. needs to defend itself against terrorists that threaten America.

Speaking in India — on Pakistan's doorstep — Panetta unapologetically dismissed suggestions that the strikes could violate Pakistan's sovereignty.

"This is about our sovereignty as well," he said when answering questions from the audience after a speech at an Indian think-tank.

And he was blunt about the difficulties in the U.S. relationship with Pakistan, as insurgents continue to find safe haven there, despite repeated protests from American leaders.

"It's a complicated relationship, oftentimes frustrating, oftentimes difficult," Panetta said. "They have provided some co-operation. There are other times when frankly that co-operation is not there. But the United States cannot just walk away from that relationship. We have to continue to do what we can to ... find some mutual co-operation."

Panetta's message is likely to reverberate in Pakistan, particularly since it was delivered in India — its long-standing arch rival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"This is about our sovereignty, as well."

Leon Panetta, U.S. defense secretary

Assad regime. China and Russia united on Syrian sanctions debate

The Obama administration is warning Syria that UN sanctions may be near, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton headed Wednesday to Turkey to talk strategy with America's allies and look for a way to win Russia's support for a transition plan ending the Assad regime.

Russia and China, however, who have blocked such sanctions before, issued a joint statement reiterating their opposition to any imposing of "regime change" in the violence-wracked country, where some 13,000 people have died in more than a year of uprisings against President Bashar Assad's leadership, and a brutal government crackdown on the opposition.

The U.S. warning was delivered by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, who called for the world to exert "maximum financial pressure" on Assad's government. He argued that "strong sanctions can help hasten the day the Assad regime relinquishes power," but acknowledged that financial and diplomatic penalties alone cannot bring the needed political change.

Russian President Vladimir Putin with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In remarks Geithner planned to deliver to a Friends of Syria group, he said that unless Syria demonstrates "meaningful compliance" with UN efforts to end the violence, the U.S. and other countries will "soon join in taking appropriate actions against the Syrian regime, including, if necessary, Chapter 7 action in the UN Security Council."

A Chapter 7 resolution authorizes actions that can ultimately include the use of military force.

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Favour for a favour

Walters says sorry for quid pro quo

Journalist Barbara Walters has apologized for trying to help a former aide to Syrian President Bashar Assad land a job in the U.S. after the woman, Sheherazad Jaafari, helped Walters set up an interview with Assad.

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Barbara Walters THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Libya

Bomb explodes next to U.S. Consulate

Attackers set off a bomb next to a wall of the U.S. Consulate in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi Wednesday, the State Department said.

The blast underlined the unstable security situation in Libya, more than seven months after the death of deposed dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

It came two weeks before the country is scheduled to hold its first post-Gadhafi national elections. The State Department said that there were no injuries.

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Apple iPhone drawing new rival: Report

Mobile wars. Windows Phone smartphones to surpass Apple iPhones by 2016, report suggests

A new eyebrow-raising report suggests an underdog in the mobile-phone wars is just a few years away from overtaking Apple as the second-largest smartphone seller in the world.

Sadly for Research in Motion, it's not the BlackBerry being heralded as a giant killer but Microsoft's Windows Phone platform, which research firm IDC says will surpass Apple's iPhones by 2016.

As of this year, Google's Android platform has the global lead with 61 per cent of the smartphone market, followed by Apple with 20.5 per cent, RIM at six per cent and Windows at 5.2 per cent, according to IDC.

By 2016, IDC sees Android at 52.9 per cent, Windows Phone at 19.2 per cent, Apple at 19 per cent and RIM down just a tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 per cent.

The report was encouraging news for Chris Weber, Nokia's president of the North American market, who was in Toronto on Wednesday for the Canadian Telecom Summit.

Weber wouldn't put a timeline on when Windows Phone could seriously rival Apple but said Nokia is looking to build off the positive press and user feedback the Lumias have received.

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Lumia

Windows Phone's fortunes will largely be tied to the success of Nokia, which recently launched a line of competitively priced and well-reviewed smartphones under the Lumia brand.

- The higher-end Lumia 900 sells for about $30 on a three-year contract compared to the starting price of $160 for the iPhone 4S.

Peter Munk, right , founder and chairman of Barrick Gold, shares a joke with the company's ousted president and CEO Aaron Regent during their AGM in Toronto on May 2. The company announced Wednesday it replaced Regent and installed a former U.S. investment banker as co-chairman of its board of directors. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poor share performance leads Barrick Gold to replace CEO

Barrick Gold Corp. has abruptly replaced its chief executive and installed a former U.S. investment banker as co-chairman of its board of directors, saying they will help the company restore its lacklustre stock price.

Jamie Sokalsky, who was the Toronto-based company's chief financial officer, has replaced Aaron Regent as Barrick's chief executive and president — effective immediately.

At the board of directors, John Thornton — a former president of Goldman Sachs, the U.S. investment banking giant — will join Barrick founder Peter Munk as co-chairman.

Munk, 84, who is one of Canada's best-known businessman, issued a statement thanking Regent for his efforts but making it clear they weren't enough.

Barrick stock closed Tuesday at $43.70, down sharply from its 52-week high of $55.36. While the price of gold has declined from record highs, many analysts have said shares of gold companies including Barrick underperformed the metal.

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Survey. Canadians fall deeper in debt

A new bank study suggests the average Canadian household is more than $100,000 in debt and that Canadians have ramped up borrowing in the past five years.

The first annual BMO survey on household debt found that average household debt among Canadians surveyed stands at $112,329, including mortgage, credit card, line of credit and loan debt.

But the bank says so-called good debt like mortgages outweighs less favourable forms of borrowing. While 25 per cent of those surveyed say they are debt-free, 41 per cent say that they have taken on more debt in the past five years as a result of increased spending.

And 54 per cent of respondents said they expect to be debt-free in the next five years.

The survey also found that 70 per cent of Canadians believe they can afford to pay down debt by paying more than the minimum, but one-third appear to be stretched with paying only the minimum amounts.

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Idaho remaining faithful

A law professor in Washington says he can't swallow Idaho's decision not to approve a vodka that makes a cheeky reference to polygamy. Jonathan Turley, a professor at George Washington University, is asking the state to reconsider its ban on Ogden's Own Distillery Five Wives Vodka, pictured above stocked at a state liquor store in Salt Lake City. BRIAN SKOLOFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market study lauds Canada's best brands

With its recognizable logo centred prominently on yoga and exercise gear, Lululemon Athletica Inc. was the fastest-growing brand in 2012, according to a marketing study released Wednesday.

The brand value of the Vancouver company — whose trendy and form-fitting workout clothing is already well-known in Canada and is steadily growing in the U.S. — has increased 292 per cent to a value of $3.24 billion, the latest study by brand experts Interbrand has determined. It moved up to the seventh spot for 2012 from 17th in 2010.

"Lululemon demonstrates phenomenal success in diversifying beyond yoga apparel into a lifestyle brand that resonates with a much broader consumer audience," said Alfred DuPuy, managing director of Interbrand Canada.

TD Bank was named as Canada's most valuable brand in 2012 with a value of $9.69 billion by Interbrand, up from the No. 2 spot in 2010, a 45 per cent gain. Interbrand said the improvement at TD — which has rapidly been ramping up its presence south of the border — is attributed to its attention to customer experience and its brand strategy.

Information company Thomson Reuters had the second-most valuable brand with a value of $9.54 billion.

RBC was third with a brand value of $7.92 billion, while BlackBerry maker Research In Motion was fourth with a brand value of $6.44 billion.

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"Lululemon demonstrates phenomenal success in diversifying beyond yoga apparel into a lifestyle brand."

Alfred DuPuy, managing director, Interbrand Canada

Investigation

Reports suggest six million LinkedIn passwords stolen

Business social network LinkedIn said it is investigating reports that more than six million passwords have been stolen and leaked onto the Internet.

Although LinkedIn did not confirm if any user data had been hacked or leaked, researchers at U.K. Web security company Sophos say they have confirmed that a file posted online does contain, in part, LinkedIn passwords "hashes."

That's a way of encrypting or storing passwords in a different form.

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Technology

Google unveils new digital maps

Google's digital mapping service will get several new features in hopes of becoming more convenient, comprehensive and compelling as it braces for a potential loss in traffic from Apple's hot-selling mobile devices.

Wednesday's preview of the mapping service's coming attractions seemed timed to blunt the blow from the loss of a prized perch as the built-in navigation service on Apple's iPhone and iPad.

Apple Inc. intends to end its five-year partnership with Google's mobile maps next week when it will unveil its own service, according to recent reports in The Wall Street Journal and the technology blog 9to5.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR 97.29¢ (+0.95¢)

Natural gas: $2.421 US (-2.5¢)
Dow Jones: 12,414.79 (+286.84)

TSX 11,633.4 (+125.69)

OIL $85.02 US (+73¢)

GOLD $1,634.20 US ($17.30)

CHANNELING TV'S FUTURE

HE SAYS...
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NEWS ITEM: Canadian television will expand by at least two stations this fall, further growing this country's vast TV universe and highlighting the importance of specialty stations. Here's a look at some of the proposed new channels that will soon be on Canadian airwaves:

NHLPA Classic: Just in time for this summer's expected labour dispute, National Hockey League Players' Association Classic brings you the greatest highlights from the 1994-95 and 2004-2005 work stoppages! Relive the greatest compromises and toughest stonewalling! See Goodenow and Bettman one-on-one! See classic meetings like the nine-hour February 9, 2005, spectacular! See highlight shows like Bettman's Top 10 attempts at a smile! "NHLPA Classic: Because it's the Cash."

Fox News Canada: Made by Canadians against Canadians, Fox News Canada provides a fair and balanced look at the pot-smoking, war-avoiding, gay-embracing atheists that make Canada the moral cesspool it is today. Not to be confused with Sun TV, which is patriotic and cheap, Fox News Canada will spend top dollar to let you know that your country sucks. Shows will include The O'Leary and O'Leary Exchange and NDP: Ties to Terror?

Canadian Beauties Corporation: Featuring the best in Canadian exotic dancers from Tracadie to Red Deer, CBC will be equipped with a special "Panic Button" that immediately changes the screen to what appears to be an episode of Mass for Shut-ins.

CanCon

"Gord!, or PBS (Pinsent Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names."

Gord!: According to strict CanCon guidelines, Canadian television is already 65 per cent Gordon-related, but Gord!, or PBS (Pinsent Broadcasting Station), will have a 100 per cent commitment to the most Canadian of names. Gordon Pinsent, Gord Downie, Gordon Sinclair, Gordie Howe, they're all here! Even Gord Stellick! Programming includes And Howe!, Pinsent-a-Go-Go and Star Trek: Gord.

OLN — Obese Loafers Network: Responding to this country's changing attitudes toward fitness, the Obese Loafers Network will appeal to the average Canadian's inner couch potato, which in most cases is hidden under many, many layers of outer couch potato. Home to best-in-class events like the Halifax Lounge-A-Thon and the Boston Pizza-eating Marathon, OLN will be the leader in inaction television.

CPAC Extreme: CPAC Extreme, or CPAC!, is just like normal CPAC, but with crazy angles, kickin' hosts, and the lady in the sign-language bubble is hot, hot, HOT!!! It's your No. 1 destination for parliamentary videos, live performances and more Hansard than you can handle! Go online to get your "hear, hear" ringtone!

And that's where the future of Canadian television lies.

So switch on, tune in, and stand proud, Canada. You're a beautiful country that always seems like it might self-destruct at any moment. You were made for television.

Already on board with Gord: Gordon Pinsent, centre, poses with Blue Rodeo's Greg Keelor, left, and Travis Good of the Sadies in April. The trio collaborated on an album based on poems written by Pinsent. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Riding tall on Cuban wheels

FRANKLIN REYES/FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Upcycling

Bike maker shifts into high gear

Felix Guirola waves to people as he takes his self-made 3.45-metre-tall bicycle for a spin through downtown Havana, Cuba, on May 18.

Guirola has been riding tall since 1983, when seeing a tandem bike inspired him to build up instead of out.

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Climbing aides

Felix Guirola climbs up his tall bike as people help steady it as he prepares to take it for a ride.

- Guirola said his first tall bike measured 1.6 metres high.
- The bikes got progressively taller until five years later he was riding more than three times as high in the air at Ciego de Avila carnivals.

Top to bottom

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The height in metres of the Cuban's tallest handmade bike.

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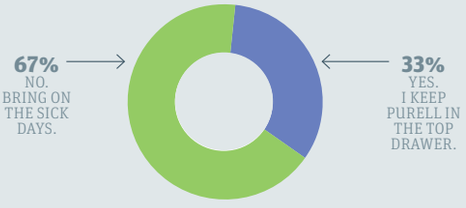

Twitter

@janaJMD
Let's hang out, #yxe ! I don't feel like doing any of the things I'm supposed to be doing today.

@alixhay
Holy wind batman #yxe. Fueled up at Costco, thx to the kind attendant who told me u have to remove yr sunnies to see the screen! #dummy

@MilestonesKids
Excited to be invited to talk about Apps and Autism tonight with the folks at #yxe Autism Services "Chill n Chat" group. #saskatoon

@littlemissmocha
Gale force winds in #yxe yesterday and today. Plants blowing off tables. Keeping my 3yo in for fear of losing her, lol.z

@anna_beth_zee
Unsettled, indecisive weather in #yxe. Sunny, cloudy, windy, rainy. Must be Children's Festival Week

@talk2tr
Have I over-emphasized how much I hate the wind? I can't double underline it enough. Snapped 3 of my bedding plants.

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Scene in brief

Bynes charged with DUI

Los Angeles prosecutors have charged actress Amanda Bynes, 26, with driving under the influence roughly two months after authorities say she grazed a sheriff's patrol car in an early morning accident. Bynes was arrested April 6 after authorities say she scraped a patrol car making a turn. The misdemeanour complaint filed Tuesday alleges she refused to take a test at the time that could've determined whether she was drunk or under the influence of drugs. Because of her refusal, authorities may suspend her driver's licence for a year. Bynes appeared in the Nickelodeon series What I Like About You and the film Easy A.

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On the web

Michelle Obama appears on Letterman for a garden-pegged Top 10 list

Stephen Maguire performing at his CD release concert in Belfast in February. He plays Friday, June 15 at the Bassment in Saskatoon. JOE FOX PHOTOGRAPHY

Maguire's road to Nashville goes through Belfast and Saskatoon

The Nashville Sessions. Musician went from playing coffee shops to sold out theatre shows in four years

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The last time Stephen Maguire performed in his adopted hometown of Saskatoon, he released his new album to an enthusiastic crowd at the Backstage Stage. But not everyone was on the edge of their seats; he lost one fan early on.

"I put him to sleep, there you go," said Maguire.

Maguire wasn't too upset by the slight, as it was his three month old son Mason who nodded off despite the cacophony taking place around him. He's heard his father's music a lot during his short life, going back to when his mother Tera was six weeks pregnant and she and Stephen drove three thousand kilometres to Tennessee to work on the album.

Stephen says he drew a lot of inspiration, not just from the musical tradition of Nashville, but also the rural setting of the studio just outside the city in Hermitage. However, there was an unwelcome addition to the rhythm section on the first day of recording that temporarily halted production.

"We had to stop because of a woodpecker. I thought 'am I in Tennessee or what?' I loved it."

The Nashville Sessions, his second full-length album, was the end result of two one-week trips to Music City, but he says they won't be his last.

"I think I'm going to try to go back every year, certainly to write and record," said Maguire. "I think I really captured the heart and soul of the place. I hope anyways."

Although they are far apart geographically, Maguire draws parallels between Nashville and his homeland. He grew up in Northern Ireland, where he and Tera, who is originally from Yorkton met; she was interning for the Belfast Giants hockey team and he performed at a game. Their decision to have Mason there means he's better traveled than many adults.

"It's like the Bourne Supremacy with him at the airport with all his passports. It's like dealing a deck of cards getting him on a plane."

But no matter where his musical journey takes him, ultimately Saskatchewan is now home for Stephen.

"Saskatchewan is like Ireland to me, but with different accents," said Maguire. "When I came here no one knew me from a hole in the ground. To go from playing in coffee shops to sold out theatres in four years is incredible to me."

He's gone out of his way to give back to the place that's been so welcoming, organizing two flood relief concerts that have raised $68,000, receiving a national philanthropy award from the Red Cross along the way.

The relationship will continue to grow on Friday, June 15 when Maguire brings his high energy show to the Bassment.

"I strive to put the best product out there possible and put them in a different head space for two hours. To me nothing else is acceptable."

Just don't be surprised if there's one young fan snoring in the audience.

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What it's like to play the New Girl's (sometimes) guy

Q & A. New Girl's Jake Johnson gives us the low down on playing Nick next to Zooey Deschanel

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

A year ago, most people didn't know who Jake Johnson was. Today, men are stopping him in the street to say, "'What the f— k's your problem, dude? That's Zooey Deschanel, dude,'" as Johnson himself tells it. Since getting his big break on the Citytv sitcom New Girl, the 33-year-old has been routinely harassed for his character's wussy behaviour when it comes to his roommate and perennial lust-object Jess (Deschanel). The will-they, won't-they quality of the relationship has drawn so much attention that #NickandJess became a trending topic on Twitter as the show approached its first season finale.

As Johnson sat down with us to promote his upcoming film Safety Not Guaranteed, co-starring Aubrey Plaza and Mark Duplass, he took some time to analyze the greatest twee-affair of our time.

Metro: So, New Girl. You yell a lot on the show.
Johnson: What I like about playing him is that I don't fully understand him. I know who Jess is. I know who Schmidt is. I'm starting to figure out who Winston is, but I don't know who Nick is and I think it's because — to get all deep and ridiculous — I don't think Nick has any idea who he is. He's wading through the madness of "f— man, I am 30 years old and I have not figured it out and I'm not getting any closer." There's panic and that sucks, so he yells.

What do you know about next season?
Nothing. I don't think they know. I think the reality of our show is that a lot of it exists in between (series creator) Liz Meriwether's ears and she doesn't know yet.

But your character and Zooey Deschanel's seemed to get closer at the end of the season.
For my storyline, I think there was a Nick-Jess thing and then they went really far away from it. But I think that was Liz. I think she didn't want it for a while. She thought at the beginning, that it was turning too Nick-Jess. And she was like, "I don't want this to be a relationship show." But then I think she went in her own mental evolution of it, I think she was like, "well, I want those characters to be together a little bit more." And so at the end of the season, they got really back together. People say, "Oh, I know exactly where the show's going. It's going to be this by season four." But I talk to Liz on a regular basis. We're friends. She doesn't have all the answers.

Where do you want to see those characters go?
I had times with Nick where I was like, "Eh, I don't like this guy." I know what he does. I enjoy playing him, but like, stop crying. Stop being so nasty. And that was the beginning of "this dude is way weirder than I imagined." And I like weird people, so I was like, "OK, OK, you're going to get weirdsies aren't you pal?"

Do you think Jess and Nick could work as a couple?
They don't get along great, so in my opinion, they're more of a Sam and Diane from Cheers where everything about Sam and Diane, they were opposites.

Zooey Deschanel and Jake Johnson star in the sitcom New Girl. HANDOUT

Nick is a realist going towards pessimism, not infatuated with the world, does not think sparkles cure everything, does not sing and dance through life. And Jess is, and they're both a little bit too far in one direction.

Well thanks for theorizing with us. Can't wait to see the next season!
It's still really new enough for me that it's interesting for me too, on my end and I don't feel ownership of it, so I wouldn't be having this talk if I was the writer, where I'd be like "I'm so interesting, how I'm doing this." I'm just a fan like everyone else.

Host Scott Aukerman, left, and his sidekick Reggie Watts from Comedy Bang! Bang! ROBYN VONSWANK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Double shows, double laughs

Television. A new spin on the talk show and game show — IFC will premiere Comedy Bang! Bang! and Bunk on Friday night

Back-to-back, IFC will soon be premiering what it bills as an anti-talk show Comedy Bang! Bang! and an anti-game show Bunk.

Anti this, anti that — but what they're clearly *for* is laughs.

It all starts Friday at 10 p.m. EDT with Comedy Bang! Bang!, the inconveniently punctuated twist on late-night talk hosted by Scott Aukerman, based on his podcast of the same name.

CB!B! is an absurdist blend of banter between Aukerman and his guests (first up: Zach Galifianakis, with whom Aukerman has previously teamed on the hilarious Between Two Ferns online videos), plus sketches, filmed shorts (such as a hidden-camera "gotcha" exposé called Tsk-Tsk Attaboy that's dumb enough to fit on Dateline NBC) and other flights of fancy (in the midst of one interview, Aukerman excuses himself to go feed the meter for his car, parked outside in a futuristic world at war).

Fluffy-coiffed Reggie Watts serves as the beats-generating one-man-band and affable sidekick. The show even launches with its own (falling-down-drunk) sommelier. And in a stark departure from talk-show orthodoxy, no one is plugging anything.

Befitting Aukerman's status as an alumnus of the brilliant Mr. Show, CB!B! is tightly formatted and jammed with comic elements, yet loosey-goosey and demented.

Improv is also the name of the game — literally — on Bunk, the companion series that follows at 10:30 p.m.

"It's a game show where none of the questions have answers, where the prizes the contestants are playing for are imaginary, and the scoring is random," says emcee Kurt Braunohler, proudly adding, "I choose the winner arbitrarily." Braunohler, an improv performer and stand-up comic, presides over a trio of contestants each week who, by trade, are also up-and-coming comedians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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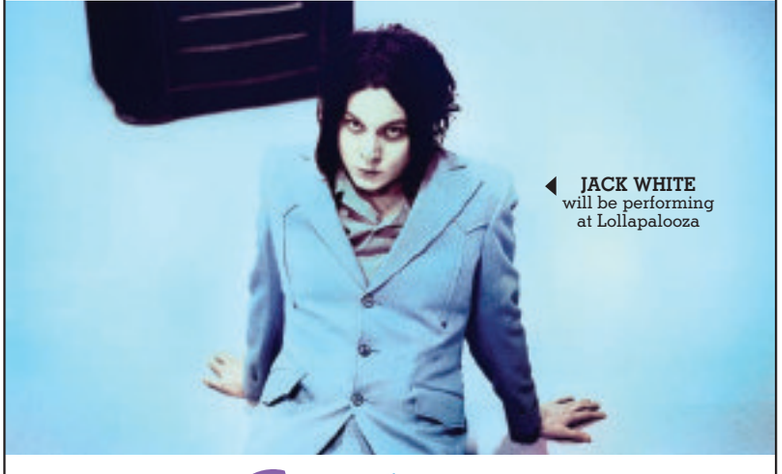
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Allure of Cronenberg's intimidating, poetic script is what drew Pattinson in

Cosmopolis. British star explains what it was like playing billionaire Eric Packer, a role he's won praise for

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When David Cronenberg wrote the Cosmopolis script he transcribed much of the dialogue directly from Don DeLillo's densely written novel. Those pages of complicated, lyrical conversation attracted the film's star, Robert Pattinson.

"I liked the poetry of this script when I first read it," he said. "My only idea was that it was really different to anything I had ever done and I thought I couldn't do it. That stuck to me afterwards and I thought that should be the way to choose projects, or which projects to go after — the ones you don't understand, or the ones you are scared of. That generally means you'll end up being better afterwards."

The script was so finely tuned that barely a word was changed during the shoot. The 26-year-old Twilight star says he is used to script changes on other movies, but a modification to a line about a gun on the Cosmopolis set jarred his pacing.

"I remember the line was about the attachment above the trigger guard," he says. "But there was no attachment above the trigger guard (on the prop gun). I was so used to the rhythms of everything and suddenly it changed the rhythm of the entire scene. We were doing page-and-a-half long sequences and it was so in my head that to suddenly change it on the day threw me."

He's been winning praise for his strange, otherworldly performance as billionaire money manager Eric Packer, but don't suggest he delved deep into his own psyche to create the man we see on screen.

Robert Pattinson says playing Eric Packer was really different from anything he'd done in the past. HANDOUT

He says the perception is that actors have "to be psychoanalysts," but that's just from the '50s. Before that actors only thought about their face, and their voice and their movement.

"I think that's one of the things I have come away from this movie with, in terms of acting in general. You don't need to analyze things that much. You don't need to understand it."

It's a complicated film, bursting with ideas and one very much open to interpretation and debate, but Pattinson would prefer to leave the psychological heavy lifting to the audience. "I'm not a post modernist scholar," he says. Instead he remembers what drew him to the project in the first place — the dialogue.

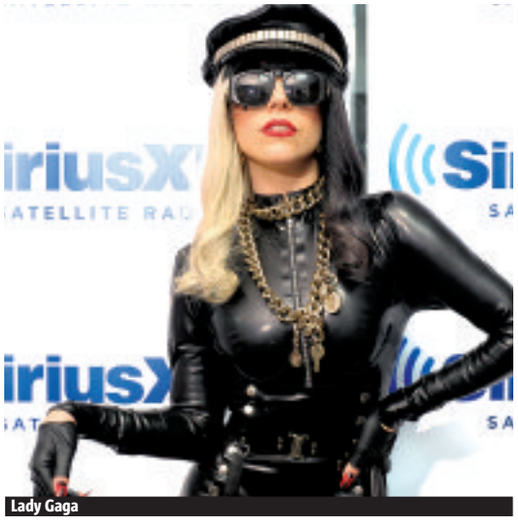
"I like saying it," he says. "When I see clips I want to say the lines again. It's like eating."

John Mayer is finally humiliated

With a new album coming out, John Mayer had been trying to play nice in the media — but he's got his foot back in his smug little mouth again after an interview with Rolling Stone in which he whines about ex-girlfriend Taylor Swift's song about their split, Dear John.

He calls the hit "humiliating," taking issue with the then 20-year-old's "cheap songwriting." "It's abusing your talent to rub your hands together and go, 'Wait till he gets a load of this!' That's bulls—."

Dude: Either un-write Your Body is a Wonderland, or stop talking right now.



Lady Gaga

Elton John wants Gaga to eat more

Elton John is worried about Lady Gaga.

"She is frail, and she doesn't eat when she should, and she's a girl, and it's tougher for a girl," John tells the Guardian in an interview.

"She works really hard. She will be in Denmark one night and Saudi Arabia the next. I know how tiny she is and I do worry about her, yes."

And John, who tapped Gaga to be the godmother to his 1-year-old son, isn't the only one concerned, he says: "I look at Gaga and I think, 'How does she do it?' I talk to her mom and dad about it. They worry."

No jail for Fox: Report

Matthew Fox pleaded no contest to driving under the influence after his May 4 arrest in Oregon, according to TMZ. As part of his plea deal, the former Lost star will reportedly avoid jail time and have his case dismissed if he completes a drug and alcohol treatment program and abstains from alcohol for one year. Fox was pulled over early in the morning near his Bend, Ore., home while driving to a fast food restaurant.

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The Word

Why did Miley Cyrus want a ring on it?

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Although she's been rocking a sizable diamond on her left hand all spring, yesterday Miley Cyrus confirmed that she's engaged to actor Liam Hemsworth.

"I'm happy to share this news with you all. I feel like all my dreams are coming true," the 19-year-old tweeted yesterday.

The news comes after Cyrus took a break from recording and acting to spend time with Hemsworth, 22, and do uncomfortable interviews about their sex life.

Now, why would a 19-year-old who is not pregnant or struggling with rent money get married?

Good question.

At first, we were worried good old-fashioned love still existed and had been listening this whole time, but it's not quite that simple.

You see, these two met on the set of The Last Song, a 2010 drama based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks — the same Nicholas Sparks who penned the most graphic of emotional girl porn, The Notebook.

At least she fell in rapid zombie love with a cute Australian actor and not the creepy guy sweeping up popcorn.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Summer wedding for Brangelina?

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are going to have a summer wedding, according to E! News.

"Word on the street is that Brad and Angie will make it official late this summer," Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show, quoting E! News correspondent Ken Baker. Speculation still puts the location of the famous couple's nuptials at their estate in the South of France.

McCarthy's son still misses Jim Carrey

Jenny McCarthy says the hardest part of her split from Jim Carrey has been how attached her autistic son, Evan, had gotten to the actor.

"I've tried to ask (Jim) numerous times (to see Evan), because my son still asks," McCarthy tells Howard Stern in an interview.

"I tell (Evan) that someday you'll cross paths, meet again, (but) it's hard. He's been in therapy. It's a process, he's working on it."

But McCarthy, who lets Evan watch Carrey's films, still thinks breaking up with Carrey was a good idea: "Jim's a dark guy," she says.

Jenny McCarthy

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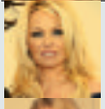
Hey @BarackObama... I don't drink. Please fire the cop who arrested me. I also don't hit and run. The end.



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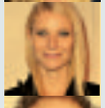

@GwynethPaltrow
Just arrived in Raleigh, N.C. to start Ironman 3! Any restaurant recommendations?

@AlbertBrooks
Why does Kristen Stewart always look like she's just hit her thumb with a hammer?

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Fashion Flash

Anchorage, Alaska wins Worst Dressed title

Anchorage residents are apparently not dressing to impress. That's the upshot of Travel and Leisure Magazine's reader poll, which put the residents of Alaska's largest city at the bottom when it comes to being on the top of style. The magazine ran an online poll asking readers to rank 35 American cities on such things as best nightlife, best burgers, best New Year's Eve celebrations, etc. By a three-tenths of a point, Anchorage landed just below Salt Lake City for having the worst-dressed residents. "I think it's a little ridiculous, to be honest," said Hillary Walker, the assistant manager at lulu e. bebe fashion boutique in Anchorage. "I think dressing well is about feeling comfortable, experimenting, expressing yourself through your clothing. I think people in Anchorage do a great job with that."

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On the Web

Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen named best womenswear fashion designers

California-based designer Trina Turk PROVIDED

Banana peels off layers, slips into summer

Republic of Turk.
Fashion's princess of poolside helps brighten up brand

HEATHER BUCHAN
Metro News

Her bold use of colours, graphic patterns and classic silhouettes are favoured by the likes of Hollywood starlets Kristen Bell and Leighton Meester. And this summer the rest of us can add a coveted Trina Turk piece or two to our wardrobes without breaking the bank, thanks to a partnership between the California designer and Banana Republic.

The result is a limited-edition summer capsule collection, made up of nearly 60 pieces (think flirty dresses and printed tunics) embodies the laid back yet chic southern California resort esthetic captured in Turk's design philosophy.

Here, the fashion doyenne shares some sage summer fashion advice:

What colours should women incorporate into their wardrobe to stay on trend this summer?
Summer is an opportunity to lighten up and wear colour. I'm definitely expecting to see orange and turquoise as two of the top colours. I also love the combination black and white prints mixed with bright coloured tops or bottoms.

What should women who are self-conscious about baring their arms and legs wear during warm weather?
Bringing in a fun printed maxi dress or lightweight blouse in bright colours or a graphic print allows you to celebrate the ease and sophistication of summer with pieces most flattering to your silhouette. The three-quarter sleeve Wren blouse in the Pisces print and the black and white zazzy zebra printed tunic top are done in lightweight fabrics that work well in the heat of summer.

Do you follow any fashion rules? If so, can you share a few?
The most important fashion rule is to figure out the silhouettes that flatter your body type and stick with them. Some trends will be great for you, others not. You don't have to jump on every trend bandwagon that comes along.

If someone could only buy two items from your capsule collection which ones would you recommend and why?
You definitely want to get at least one dress and one accessory piece. There are six great dresses in a variety of styles, prints and colours. If I had to pick one it would be the one-shoulder "Chai" dress that we did in the blue Coachella print.

My favourite accessory of this collection is the enamel bangle that comes in several great colour combinations.

Sunny silhouettes

"I love mixing drapey fabrication with more tailored pieces."
Designer Trina Turk

Top 3

Trina Turk's Summer Essentials

She loves the versatility of a bold printed dress, a bright tailored pair of shorts and breezy blouses.

"They can take you from poolside to cocktail parties to city soirees throughout the summer months," says Turk.

Beauty and the beach

Wide Bangle
$55, bananarepublic.ca

Flower pendant
$62, bananarepublic.ca

Tote
$175, bananarepublic.ca

Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha lounges in a piece from Banana Republic by Trina Turk. PROVIDED

Add some Mexican-flavoured gobble gobble to your tacos

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H.O

A classic Mexican spice mix of cumin, oregano and chili is combined in a paste and used to coat the turkey before it goes on the grill. Topped with a crunchy, tangy slaw, these tacos taste like the kind you would find in taquerias.

1. In a resealable bag, combine cumin, oregano, chili powder, salt, olive oil and cilantro, rubbing to make a paste. Add turkey fillets and shake to thoroughly coat turkey. Let sit for 30 minutes or up to 1 day.

2. In another bag, combine red onion, carrots, jalapenos, vinegar, sugar and salt. Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes, tossing occasionally.

3. Grill turkey over medium-high heat until browned and cooked through, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to cutting board and let rest for 5 minutes before slicing.

4. Toss carrot mixture with cabbage. Divide turkey and cabbage among warmed grilled tortillas. Garnish with cilantro and avocado and serve with lime wedges and coarse salt.

Ingredients

- 5 ml (1 tsp) each ground cumin, oregano and chili powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) sea salt
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) freshly chopped cilantro
- 500 g (1 lb) boneless skinless turkey fillets
- 1/2 small red onion, sliced
- 2 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 jalapenos, sliced (ribs and seeds removed)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) cider vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 500 ml (2 cups) shredded cabbage
- 8 flour tortillas (15 cm/6 inches diameter)
- Garnishes: cilantro sprigs, lime wedges, avocado slices

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Chicken Barley Risotto. This delicious dish is ready in mere minutes

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, cook bacon until very crispy. Remove bacon and set aside.

2. Add chicken and mushrooms. Cook and stir until browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in bacon, soup, beef broth, tomatoes and barley and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer until barley is tender, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes. CAMPBELL'S/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon, cut into small pieces
- 375 g (3/4 lb) boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
- 12 mushrooms, quartered
- 1 can (284 ml/10 oz) low-fat cream of celery soup
- 425 ml (1 3/4 cups) low-salt beef broth
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) pot barley

Turkey, Asparagus & Shiitake Sauté. Zesty eats

Skinless, boneless turkey breast with fresh asparagus and shiitake mushrooms are sautéed in a zesty garlic chili and ginger root-infused broth for a fragrant, flavourful meal.

Serve this dish over steamed jasmine rice or your favourite noodles to sop up all the juices.

1. In a bowl, combine turkey with baking soda, cornstarch and soy sauce. Stir to ensure all the turkey is coated. Let sit for 10 minutes.

2. In large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and brown turkey pieces. Transfer to plate. Stir the garlic chili sauce into the same skillet until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in ginger for 30 seconds. Add onion and cook until softened, 3 mins. Add mushrooms, stirring often, until golden and lightly softened, about 2 minutes.

3. Pour in broth, scraping any brown bits from pan. Add asparagus, turkey with any accumulated juices and hoisin; stir to combine. Cover, reduce heat to simmer and cook for 3 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink inside, asparagus is tender crisp and the sauce has slightly thickened.

Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) boneless, skinless turkey breast,in strips
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each baking soda and cornstarch
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vegetable oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) garlic chili sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grated ginger
- 1 onion, sliced
- 500 ml (2 cups) sliced shiitake mushroom caps
- 250 ml (1 cup) turkey broth
- 500 ml (2 cups) asparagus
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) hoisin sauce

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Decor ideas. Ever wonder what message the colour of your front door sends?

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Colour is a powerful way to send messages, whether on the clothing we wear, the furnishings and decor we choose or the colour we paint our front door. Since that entranceway is the welcome entry into our homes, choosing the right colour is a way to welcome company and to tell people a little bit about ourselves.

With that in mind, here's a few trending colours, what they say about you and where you should live if you like a particular colour.

Red
Gives a punch that says you have energy, passion and presence. A great colour to ward off potential break-ins, but not so great in a quiet, gated community.

Best red: Rich Burgundy OR-186

Orange
You are not extravagant and rather frugal. You are an attention seeker but a very warm and exciting person. Great for a community/neighbourhood counsellor or leader.

Black
Likely, you are serious, traditional and strong; someone with substance lives inside your house. But black can also mean mourning, old and death. It's the perfect colour for downtown or stately living.

Green
You are a promoter of good health and good luck, but green can also mean jealousy. Great for young families as it also indicates fertility and stress-free living. Good colour for a farm or country house.

Brown
You like isolation and privacy when you're home. It also indicates you are reliable. Brown is a great colour for living in a high-density townhouse or a condo.

Best green: Velvet Moss OR-338

Yellow
You are cautious and careful. But yellow can also stir anger and frustration as it fatigues the eye due to the amount of light it reflects. It's great for family homes with young school children.

Purple
You are the emotional type. Wealth, wisdom, exotic and artificial are other words that describe the colour purple. Good for an older person.

Blue
You are secure, safe and trustworthy. Blue can evoke sadness and aloofness and is the colour of weight loss. Good colour for a single person looking for a mate.

DRAWING FROM THE COLOUR PALETTE FROM ORIGINS BY BENJAMIN MOORE (ORIGINSPAINT.CA), HERE'S A FEW OF THE BEST COLOURS TO PAINT THE FRONT DOOR:

Best blue: Blue Hibiscus OR-413

Open to change

How to pick the perfect front-door colour

Look at the body of your house and its colour overall. Is it ruddy-brown, orange-brick, beige or grey? Your front door should be an opposite colour in order to stand out and look special. For instance, if your house is an orange-brown brick then choose a green colour for your front door. The brighter or duller the brick colour the brighter or duller the green will be.

Three things to consider:

1. The garage door, siding or window trims are never painted the same colour as the front door.
2. Painting the frame trim around the door the same colour will help give the door a larger presence.
3. Painting the inside of your front door the same as the outside will add a punch of style to your foyer.

Roughing it

Doing dishes at the cottage

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Dear Charles the butler, With the summer months now here, my family and I will be spending most weekends up at our cottage. One thing that always comes up is the dishes; specifically, how I can wash them with our limited hot water supply and a very small kitchen! Signed, Bob (weekend dish warrior)

Hello Bob,
Let's keep things simple, because ultimately, you're at the cottage to relax.

1. Fill a plastic tub with hot water and a good dose of dish soap and put it on the counter.
2. As dishes are used at the dinner table, scrap off the excess food and put the dish into the hot, soapy water. Let them sit for at least 15 to 20 minutes, or at least until the end of the meal.
3. With a clean dishcloth, wash the dishes and rinse them under cool, clean water in the sink, then put them on a rubberized drying rack so you don't chip or scratch the dishes.
4. Alternatively, you can have a helper wipe the dishes dry with a clean dry dishtowel.

This method works no mater where you are this summer, whether you're at the cottage, boating, at a trailer or a campsite.

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Don't be a water-waster when you wash the dishes. ISTOCK IMAGES

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Has the dust already settled? A few tips for showing it out

A clean casa. Fighting dust is about more than esthetics — some tips for taking control

Once a week, Diane Foernssler takes arms against the dust that invades her Darien, Ill., home, using everything from the vacuum cleaner to a special mop for blinds and baseboards.

On those other six days, however, the dust wins.

"It's everywhere and it never goes away," says Foernssler, a fitness trainer and mother of two. "It's a losing battle."

Unfortunately, she's right.

Experts say dust's constant accumulation on all those books, clothes and knickknacks has nothing to do with poor housekeeping. It's a naturally and continually forming collection of some pretty gross stuff.

"It has nothing to do with being dirty," says Dr. William Berger, a Mission Viejo, Calif., allergist and author of Asthma and Allergies for Dummies. "You can leave your house closed for two or three weeks and come back and there will be dust."

A whole lot of it. According to Berger, the average six-room home in the United States collects 40 pounds of dust each year.

The main contributors to all that indoor dust are microscopic dust mites; the breakdown of fibres from household fabrics and furniture; and human and animal dander (the nice name for skin flakes).

The dust mites, which have a taste for human skin, come in "countless numbers" in your bedding alone, let alone other spots around the house, Berger said. Getting rid of them is impossible; Females lay 20 to 50 eggs every three weeks.

Dust and dust mites are a large part of "indoor air pollution," a leading environmental health risk — primarily because people spend about 90 per cent of their time indoors, according to Molly Hooven, a spokeswoman for the Environmental Protection Agency. Dust and dust mites can trigger asthma attacks and allergies.

There are, therefore, reasons for keeping dust to a minimum that are far more important than maintaining appearances, the spokesperson says.

So while eradicating dust altogether may be a pipe dream, there are steps you can take to mitigate its accumulation in your home (see fact box on the right).

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Dust off your cleaning routine

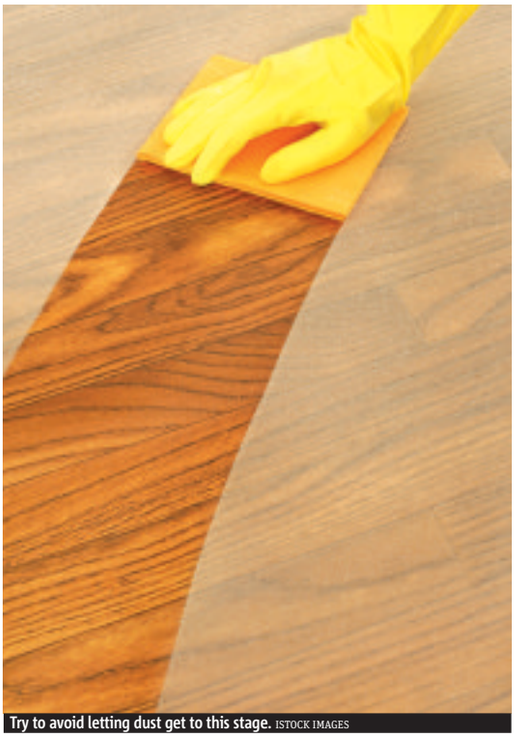
Some steps to mitigate dust accumulation in your home:

- **Get rid of all that stuff.** "The more clutter there is the more dust there is," Berger says. Things like books, clothing and toys such as stuffed animals are prime collectors of dust, he says.
- **Focus on bedrooms.** "The bedroom should be as bare as possible," Berger says. That means having an uncarpeted floor, minimal furniture and only the current season's clothes in the closet. Encase mattresses, box springs and pillows in allergy-proof covers.
- **For walls.** Use paint that can be cleaned with water. Go for HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Arresting) air filters. A vacuum and a can of Endust give at least temporary relief, Berger says.
- **Keep cool.** Berger recommends air conditioning over fans, which simply blow dust around. (Remember to change air-conditioner filters.)

A never-ending battle

"We do everything. But you'll never get rid of dust."

Jack DiBiccari, a New Rochelle, N.Y., contractor



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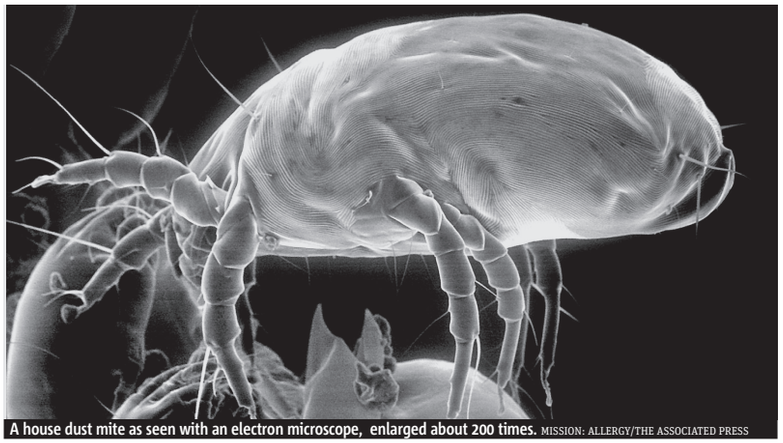

A house dust mite as seen with an electron microscope, enlarged about 200 times. MISSION: ALLERGY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage Advice
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RENT VS. OWN: THE ULTIMATE DEBATE

This week's email comes from Jason, he asked me to assess his situation and see if he was ready to own his own home.

It really comes down to each individual case to see if you are ready to buy a home and here are some simple steps to take to determine whether you are ready.

Down payment is always the first major hurdle for people renting. If you are currently paying $1200 in rent a month, you may find it hard to put additional money away. While there are options for down payments other than savings, you should be good at money management to buy a home so you can pay for the unexpected.

Income is the second thing that people worry about. If you are currently able to make $1500/month rent payments by yourself or as a couple I am willing to bet you should own your own house.

If either of these topics seem difficult call me and I can show you how to get into a house soon with very simple techniques to change the way you look at your money.

If these first two hurdles were more comparable to cracks in the sidewalk, I want you to consider what I call the open window theory. Take your rent money, open a window and throw it out. That is what you are doing every month. If you were to buy you are paying YOUR mortgage not your landlords. You are building YOUR equity and not someone else's. You are making YOURSELF rich and not anyone else… You have good income and are well on your way to saving a down payment, pick up your cell and dial 222.9779. I am waiting to hear from you.

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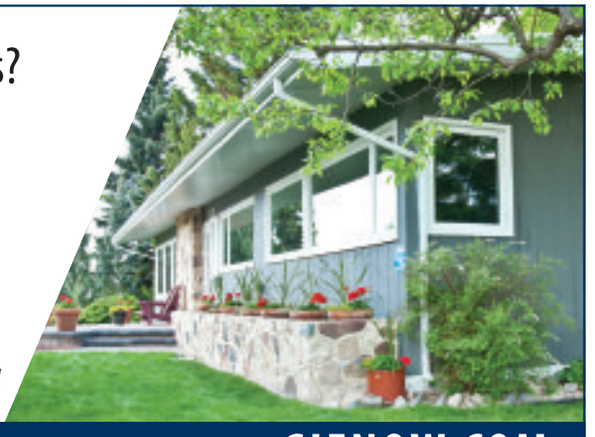

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Hockey

"(Vladimir) was such a dependable and steadfast man that I would have gone anywhere with him — to war, to espionage, into peril. There are fewer and fewer guys like him in every generation of hockey players."

Russian Hockey Federation president and former Soviet goaltender Vladislav Tretiak speaking about Vladimir Krutov to the Sport-Express newspaper. Krutov, one of the Soviet Union's all-time great players and part of the national team's formidable KLM Line, has died at 52. The federation said Krutov died Wednesday. It did not give a cause of death, but the ITAR-Tass news agency said he had been taken to a hospital several days earlier for stomach bleeding.

Mobile news

Brian McNamee, Roger Clemens' former strength coach, testified in Clemens' perjury trial last month that because of his wife's nagging, he brought medical waste from a steroids injection of Clemens home in 2001. But Eileen McNamee testified Wednesday that her estranged husband said he was saving things for his "protection." Scan the code for the story.

New Jersey's Patrik Elias scores Game 4's first goal on Wednesday in Los Angeles. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Devils refuse to bow out of final without a fight

NHL. New Jersey pushes back to avoid sweep and spoil Los Angeles' Stanley Cup party at Staples Center

Game 4

Devils	Kings
3	1

Put the coronation on hold.

The Los Angeles Kings will have to wait at least three more days for another shot at becoming true hockey royalty after Adam Henrique kept New Jersey alive in the Stanley Cup final. His late goal secured a 3-1 victory for the Devils in Game 4 on Wednesday.

The New Jersey rookie, who scored in overtime to end the Eastern Conference final, showed poise in kicking the puck up to his stick before beating Jonathan Quick high at 15:29 of the third period.

"It seemed to come off my skate pretty nice, right on the tape. I knew it came all the way across the ice," Henrique said. "I knew (Quick) was going to have to come a long way to make the save if I was going to get up short-sided."

That forced cup keepers Phil Pritchard and Craig Campbell to put the trophy back in its case. Game 5 of the final goes Saturday at Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

"We finally got rewarded," said Devils coach Peter DeBoer. "Like I said, I've liked our game and our effort the last three games. We just haven't found a way to win until tonight. So hopefully that gets the ball rolling."

Until the late winner, this series had the feel of a sweep. Fans came ready to celebrate what would have been the first championship for the Kings in their 45-year history and there was every reason to believe they'd deliver after methodically storming through the playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

43

The resilient Devils wouldn't be denied in Game 4 and kept alive a streak of 43 straight playoff series in which the franchise has never been swept.

NHL

Roy OK with Habs coaching decision

Patrick Roy says there are no hard feelings about being passed over for the Montreal Canadiens coaching job.

Sounding a gracious note Wednesday, the goaltending legend said he wished the best to the team and to Michel Therrien, who was named the Habs' new coach Tuesday.

Roy said in Quebec City that he appreciated having been interviewed for the job.

"I'm taking nothing but positives out of this thing," said the former Montreal and Colorado star and current QMJHL coach and executive.

"I'm not bitter at all."

The Canadiens fired assistant coaches Randy Cunneyworth and Randy Ladouceur on Wednesday.

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NHL

GM Tambellini sticking around in Edmonton

The Edmonton Oilers and general manager Steve Tambellini have agreed on a contract extension.

Tambellini has been GM of the team since 2008.

He's currently looking for a new head coach. Tom Renney's contract wasn't renewed after the season.

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Steve Tambellini
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Sharapova loving life at French Open

Maria Sharapova celebrates her victory at Roland Garros on Wednesday.
MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Whether she's enjoying a café lunch, shopping on the Champs-Elysées or notching another victory on the soft red clay, Maria Sharapova sure enjoys these trips to the French Open.

"What girl doesn't love Paris?" she said.

Two more wins and she'll love it even more.

Sharapova moved another step closer to filling in the last piece of the career Grand Slam, defeating Kaia Kanepi 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros.

The second-seeded Sharapova rolled through her 23rd-seeded opponent in 74 minutes.

"I'm happy with the way I improved in this match," Sharapova said.

Her next opponent will be No. 4 seed Petra Kvitova, the Wimbledon champion who ended 142nd-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova's upset-filled run with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory. Sharapova leads their all-time series 3-2. Kvitova beat Sharapova in last year's Wimbledon final, while Sharapova won the most recent match earlier this year.

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French Open Wednesday

Sixth-seeded David Ferrer beat No. 4 Andy Murray 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-2 to reach the French Open semifinals for the first time.

- Ferrer will face six-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal in an all-Spanish semifinal Friday.
- Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer meet in the other men's semifinal.

Euro 2012 players told to 'go out and entertain us'

Spain's Juan Mata, front, kicks the ball near his teammates during a training session Wednesday in Gniewino, Poland. ALVARO BARRIENTOS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer. UEFA president hopes scrutiny can finally shift from host nations to the matches on field

Now, finally, UEFA president Michel Platini wants the players to take centre stage when the European Championship kicks off on Friday.

Soccer has almost been ignored during a turbulent five years for Poland and Ukraine as they sought to vindicate UEFA's decision to take its showpiece 16-nation tournament to eastern Europe.

Now the former France great, who captained and coached his country, wants the teams to seize the headlines.

"I say to the players, 'Go out and entertain us,'" Platini said on Wednesday. He spoke at the National Stadium in Warsaw — one of many rebuilding projects delivered behind schedule — where Poland will open Euro 2012 against 2004 champion Greece.

"What I would like now after (five) years of work, is to be able to calmly watch the games, to give the ball over to the players and let them get on with it," said Platini, who lifted the trophy in 1984.

The potential storylines are rich and deep for arguably the best international tournament.

Can World Cup winner Spain become the first nation to successfully defend its European title, and further define an era of Barcelona-inspired greatness?

Will a still-young Germany team overcome the Spain-shaped obstacle which keeps blocking its title runs?

Can the Netherlands rediscover its "Total Football" roots and reconnect with neutral fans dismayed by its negative, aggressive tactics that marred the 2010 World Cup final loss to Spain.

Platini echoes the popular wisdom that two favourites stand above the rest.

"These are Germany and Spain if they play at 100 per cent of their level," Platini told reporters. "If they don't, there are a lot of teams which can beat them." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racism response

- Platini promised that referees will stop European Championship matches if players suffer abuse from fans, as questions on racism in Poland and Ukraine dominated a news conference Wednesday to launch the tournament.
- Platini said UEFA has empowered referees to "temporarily stop the game and finally cancel the game if this racism keeps rearing its head."

For more Euro 2012 coverage, go to metronews.ca/features.

World Cup

Canada enters historically tough qualifying phase

As one of the veterans of Canada's men's soccer team, Dwayne De Rosario would obviously love to play in a World Cup before he calls it a career.

The 34-year-old from Toronto spoke of not letting an opportunity slip away two days before Canada opens its next phase of qualifying at Cuba.

"You never know when it will be your last chance," De Rosario said at BMO Field on Wednesday.

The 77th-ranked Canadians play No. 145 Cuba in Havana on Friday. Canada failed to survive this stage for the 2010 cup after picking up just two of nine possible points at home and losing all three games on the road. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dwayne De Rosario
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA. Thunder drop Spurs to earn spot in finals

Kevin Durant celebrates Wednesday night in Oklahoma City.
GETTY IMAGES

Kevin Durant had 34 points and 14 rebounds while playing all 48 minutes of regulation for the first time all season, and the Oklahoma City Thunder claimed a spot in the NBA finals by beating the San Antonio Spurs 107-99 on Wednesday night.

Russell Westbrook added 25 points for the Thunder, who trailed Game 6 of the Western Conference finals by 18 in the first half and erased a 15-point halftime deficit before pulling ahead to stay in the fourth.

Durant grabbed the final rebound, dribbled the ball across halfcourt and raised his right fist to celebrate with a sold-out crowd. The franchise will play for the NBA title for the first time since 1996, before relocating from Seattle.

Tony Parker had 29 points and 12 assists for San Antonio, but only eight of the points and two assists came in the second half. Tim Duncan chipped in 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Stephen Jackson scored 23.

Game 6

Thunder	Spurs
107	99

Game 1 of the NBA finals will be Tuesday night in Oklahoma City against either Boston or Miami. The Celtics lead that series 3-2 and can earn a trip to the finals with a win at home in Game 6 on Thursday night.

The Thunder took the lead for good early in the fourth quarter, getting nine of their first 13 points on free throws as the fouls started to pile up for San Antonio — six on the defensive end and three on the offensive end in the first seven minutes.

Derek Fisher and James Harden hit three-pointers in a three-possession span to increase the lead to 99-93 with 3:13 remaining, and Oklahoma City held on from there.

Durant celebrated even before the final buzzer, hugging his family seated courtside after a foul was called with 14 seconds remaining. The Thunder became the NBA's 15th team to come back from an 0-2 deficit in a seven-game series, doing it against a team that had won 20 games in a row.
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Blue Jays. Morrow gets third shutout of season

Brandon Morrow pitched a two-hitter for his third shutout of the season, and Jose Bautista and Rajai Davis homered Wednesday night as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 4-0.

Morrow (7-3) allowed singles in the second and the eighth to A.J. Pierzynski and retired 14 straight at one point. He gave up his only two walks in the ninth, to Adam Dunn and Alejandro De Aza, and struck out five, including Dayan Viciedo to end it.

Morrow showed no adverse effects a week after his right shin was bruised by a line drive a week ago. In that game, he had to be helped off the field in the seventh inning after being hit by a shot off the bat of Baltimore's Wilson Betemit.
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Belmont Stakes. I'll Have Another draws post No. 11

Canadian-owned I'll Have Another will go for the Triple Crown from post No. 11 in the 12-horse Belmont Stakes field Saturday.

J. Paul Reddam's horse has been installed as the 4-5 morning-line favourite, the first time in his career that he has held top spot in the odds.

Team Reddam was happy with Wednesday's draw at Belmont Park.

"Being in the 11 hole, we're able to kind of see how the pace sets up," trainer Doug O'Neill said. "If they're crawling, we'll be hopefully leading the crawl. And if they're flying, we'll be sitting in behind the horse flying."

I'll Have Another started in the No. 19 spot in the 20-horse Kentucky Derby and No. 9 in the 11-horse Preakness.
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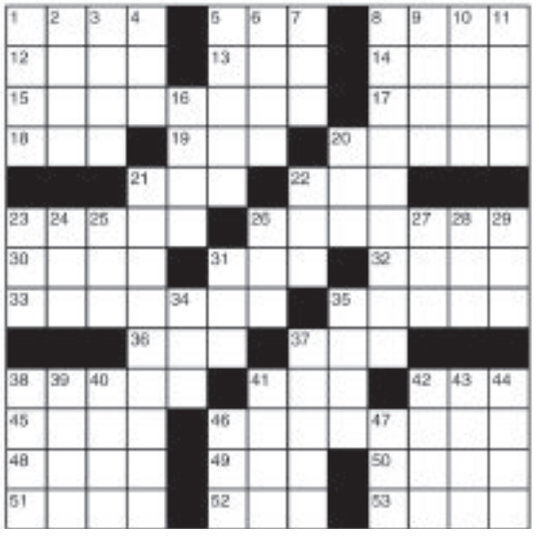
Crossword

Across
1 Cushiony
5 "See ya!"
8 Staffer
12 "The Cosby Show" son
13 "A mouse!"
14 "American —"
15 BB gun
17 Stagger
18 "— voyage!"
19 Wire measure
20 Practices boxing
21 Suitable
22 Greet the villain
23 Lisa Marie's dad
26 Scrap
30 "Cheers" offering
31 Embrace
32 Cattle
33 Overwhelmed with wonder
35 Macho type
36 Eg. and Syr., once
37 Lustrous black
38 Parsley piece
41 Each
42 Obtain
45 Owl's call
46 Cager's attempts that aren't even close
48 Actress Jessica
49 Squid squirt
50 Arizona city
51 No stay-at-home
52 Do brickwork
53 Juror, in theory

Down
1 Impale
2 Columbus' home
3 Flowerless plant
4 Anderson's "High —"
5 Suit
6 Holler
7 Supplement, with "out"
8 Localized downdraft
9 Notion
10 Busy one
11 Right angles
16 Satan's minions
20 Brillo rival
21 Imaginary tool
22 Ginormous
23 Recede
24 Actor McKern
25 Be a couch potato
26 Flop
27 Intention
28 Genetics abbr.
29 Lair
31 Yon maiden
34 Trail the pack
35 KFC additive
37 Moving in fits and starts
38 Carpet type
39 Horse play?
40 Judicial raiment
41 — colada
42 Mirth
43 Otherwise
44 Despot
46 Have a bug
47 Rock concert need



Sudoku

		3		1			4	
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6	5	4	2	3				9
4		7	8			1		
				5				
		8			1	2		4
8				2	5	3	7	1
		2						
	1			9		6		

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	6	2	1	3	5	7	8	9
7	3	1	8	9	2	4	6	5
8	5	9	7	6	4	3	2	1
3	9	7	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	2	4	9	5	6	8	7	3
5	8	6	4	7	3	1	9	2
6	4	8	5	1	9	2	3	7
2	1	3	6	4	7	9	5	8
9	7	5	3	2	8	6	1	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

CUBV L CXHJ ROFXVM XW LGROF FR RQQOE, QROHJ NRO WLN FULF CROHJ GB L DBVJXVM WDEBB?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GUY IS RESTING HIS BARE FEET ON A BARROOM SEAT, YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF A TOED STOOL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. If you think too much about the past today, you must refocus your thoughts on all the good things you still have to look forward to.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You want to be free, you want to be able to come and go as you please, and you have every right to do so. Do only what makes you feel good.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. No matter how difficult a task may look, the planets suggest that if you give it your best shot, you will make a success of it. Don't doubt yourself.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Stop and don't start moving again until you know what you are aiming for. It should be easier now that Mercury, planet of the mind, is moving into your sign.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will meet someone today who, if you impress them enough, can help you realize your dreams. The only problem is the nagging doubt that you might not be up to the task.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you were hoping that other people would share in your positive attitude today, you may be disappointed.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You don't have to give up on your beliefs and ideals but you do have to realize that other people sometimes see things differently to you.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Go your own way, do your own thing and ignore the avalanche of disapproval that is sure to come your way. Most likely they are jealous of your ability to come and go as you please.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Jupiter, planet of luck, is smiling on you now. You have to smile back if you want good things to happen.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. The only thing that might hold you back today is a nagging feeling that in some areas you are not up to competing with the movers and shakers you are rubbing shoulders with. Nonsense!

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you need to make changes to your routine then now is the time to get serious about it.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You enjoy an occasional change of scene, so make the most of good aspects to the travel area of your chart to get out and about more.

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Moses

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